

Dr. Thomas Gets 16 Years In Detroit Spy Plot Case

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DETROIT, Mar. 16. Federal Judge Edward J. Moinet today sentenced Dr. Fred W. Thomas, Detroit obstetrician convicted of conspiracy to violate the Wartime Espionage Act, to 16 years in Federal prison.

Dr. Thomas, one of eight persons indicted on charges of espionage conspiracy, was convicted two weeks ago by a Federal Court jury. Six pleaded guilty and are awaiting sentencing. Charges against the eighth, Bertrand Stuart Hoffman, a merchant marine seaman, were dismissed on the ground he was mentally incapable of understanding the charge.

Dr. Thomas was accused of supplying espionage information on war production and troop movements and ingredients for manufacture of invisible ink to Miss Grace Buchanan-Dineen, described by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as the leader of the espionage ring.